

## Pattern or Trend

There has been a recent increase in the number of high powered, expensive vehicles stolen within the whole of Staffordshire. These vehicles are mostly keyless entry vehicles.

## Focused Crime Prevention advice

# **Advice to prevent thefts from keyless vehicles**

**We are issuing crime prevention advice to advise motorists how to protect their keyless vehicles.**

### **What is signal jamming?**

Thieves use a gadget to prevent your key fob sending the command to lock your car and it remains unlocked. Whilst this tool will not allow them to steal your car it will allow them to root through your valuables.

**How to avoid:** Make sure the indicators flash when you press the lock button and listen for the doors locking.

### **What is signal relaying?**

When the correct key fob is close by, the fob recognises the signal and transmits its own code, instructing the vehicle to unlock the doors and to allow the ignition to work on the car.

Thieves use wireless transmitters to capture its radio transmission. This is relayed to another device. It allows the thief to open and start your car in the same way.

**How to avoid:** Use car key signal blocker cases/sleeves, they cost less than £10, or an aluminium tin at home. Find a safe place for your keys at home and check to ensure they are out of range.